



Danny Ray Brinkley

September 19, 1953 - July 16, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Danny Ray Brinkley at the age of 70 on July 16, 2024. He was a loving husband, devoted father, beloved grandfather, devout Christian, and a dear friend to many.

Born in McGehee, Arkansas, Danny lived a life filled with love, laughter, and kindness. He was known for his warm contagious smile, gentle demeanor, and unwavering generosity.

As a young child, Danny was diagnosed with Polio that caused him to spend an extended amount of time in an iron lung. During this time, Danny learned how to create a world of make believe and wonder that he still visited in his mind up until his passing. His compassion and generosity shined when he would donate his ceiling toys to other children in the hospital. Danny carried these traits throughout his entire life.

Danny married the love of his life, Jackie Lynn Madden, on August 4, 1978. Together they raised three daughters, Shawna, Kimberly and Ashley. Alongside them joined Danny's sons-in-law, Tony Barrington and Andy Selph. Although Danny loved his family deeply, nothing could compare to the joy he had when he became a grandfather to Jaxon, Evelyn and Emily. Danny was able to create a lifetime of memories with his family on numerous vacations, holiday gatherings, football games, and family reunions.

Danny's gentle nature will forever be his legacy that he leaves behind for all to remember. Be kind like Danny, be forgiving like Danny, find the best in every situation like Danny, and love deeply like Danny.

We love you dad.

Danny is survived by his wife, Jackie Brinkley of Prosper, TX; three daughters, Shawna Marie Brinkley of Dallas, TX, Kimberly Ann Brinkley and Tony Barrington of Aubrey, TX, and Ashley Nicole Selph and husband Andy of Celina, TX; three grandchildren, Jaxon, Evelyn, and Emily Selph; two brothers, Jerry Brinkley and wife Bertha of San Antonio, TX and Tom Brinkley and wife Toni of San Antonio, TX; one sister, Carolyn Louise and husband Ron of San Antonio, TX, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Florence; one brother, J.D. Brinkley; and two sisters, Reba Meadows and Dorothy Long.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the March of Dimes, in memory of Danny Brinkley. With the help of March of Dimes, Danny was able to overcome Polio as a child and he would want that help to continue for other children. Please visit www.marchofdimes.org

Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorial.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Bradley Shotts and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Hi my Danny ~. It's November 2025 now and time is going by so quickly since you've been gone. I know you're watching us everyday and the family is doing well. My heart is missing you, especially today for some reason. Maybe because you and I loved fall weather. God gave me such a wonderful gift when He gave me you. I love you. Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - November 02, 2025 at 08:21 PM

JB

“ Hi dear Danny ~. I'm thinking of you and missing you today on your second heavenly birthday with the Lord. Your brother Tom passed last week and he's now in heaven with you too. Know that we are all thinking of you and missing you today. Love, Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - September 19, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JB

“ H, Danny. I'm missing you and thinking of you today, July 13th, my birthday. This is the last of my 'first events without you" as your one year of going to be with the Lord is next Wednesday, July 16th for you one year heavenly anniversary. I've made it through holidays, anniversaries and family birthdays without you and I miss you on every occasion. Tell all of our passed family members hello for me. Know that I love you as much as ever. Love, Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - July 13, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ Hi, Danny, my beloved husband. Tomorrow is our first Father's Day without you. Although you're not with us we will be thinking about you, about what a wonderful father you were to our daughters and an example of what a father should be. God blessed me when he gave you to me to be the love of my life. I love and miss you every day. Happy Heavenly Fathers Day, Danny. Love, Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - June 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM

JB

“ Hi, Danny ~ I missed you so much yesterday, my first Mother's Day without you. It's because of you that I became a mom to our three beautiful daughters. I miss you everyday and know you are watching over me. I love ❤️ you and miss you. Love, Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - May 12, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ Danny, I'm missing you so much this first Christmas without you. I made Christmas dinner and the family came over. We unwrapped gifts and had lots of fun and I thought of you the whole time. Ashley said you would be proud of me and I hope you are My best gift is knowing that you are whole and not in pain and celebrating being with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I love you, Danny. Merry Christmas! Love, Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - December 25, 2024 at 04:42 PM

JB

Danny, seeing 2024 come to an end I'm missing you on this 2025 New Year's Day. I know you are having a wonderful reunion with members from both sides of our families. Every day that passes brings me a day closer to being with you again. I love you and think of you every day. Glory be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Love, Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - January 01, 2025 at 04:14 PM

JB

“ Danny, Happy Heavenly 71st Birthday
 . I miss you, love you and think about you every day. Love, Jackie

Jackie Brinkley - September 20, 2024 at 12:03 AM

JB

“ Danny, wishing you a heavenly Happy 46th Wedding Anniversary.
 The best thing I ever did was to marry you. I love you and miss you.

Jackie Brinkley - August 05, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JW

“ I met Jackie at a Chamber meeting one day! Little did I know she
 would quickly turn into one of my most dearest treasured friends. I
 met Danny and he was one of a kind!! We also shared the same
 birthday! I would make him peanut butter cookies for his birthday!
 That sweet man welcomed me into his home and was so so friendly
 and nice I will never forget it! I am so saddened by the passing of
 this dear friend. My love to everyone

Jennifer Wright - July 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM

JB

Jen, thank you for your beautiful words. When you came to our house
 you brought delicious food that Danny loved. My love to you and your
 family, too.

Jackie Brinkley - July 21, 2024 at 03:23 PM

SS

“ Danny and Jackie came to visit us when we first moved into our house—before Jerry and I managed to destroy the beautiful rose garden in the front courtyard. It was Easter and the roses were all in full bloom. As he was leaving he commented that we should always stop and smell the roses. And he literally did exactly that. Always a joy to visit with Danny!

Sharon Selph - July 20, 2024 at 08:14 AM

JB

What a wonderful memory, Sharon. Thank you for sharing.

Jackie Brinkley - July 20, 2024 at 12:52 PM

BB

“ Our hearts are broken.💔💔 Danny will never be forgotten and always be missed. Danny had such a special place in Jerry’s heart. Danny was about 10 years old when Jerry and I married. He really was the light of Jerry’s eyes. I remember we were so broke and Jerry bought his ‘baby’ brother a baseball glove.
Jackie, we love you Shawna, Kimberly and Ashley. We pray that you have comfort in knowing that Danny is in a better place free of pain.💔💔

Bertha Brinkley - July 19, 2024 at 09:26 PM

JB

Thank you for sharing, Berths. We love you and your family.

Jackie Brinkley - July 20, 2024 at 05:02 AM

SH

“ Danny was always friendly, just a nice person with a sense of humor and happy personality. It was so easy to see he loved his girls and Jackie. When we were kids, and visiting on vacation, Danny inspired us to tease Smokey (the cat) with a paper bag. The cat would run to chase what ever was on the string--being pulled onto the bag. The crackling sound the paper bag made had to get annoying as it sounded loud in a quiet area in a more quiet hallway. Danny never said to stop or go play somewhere else, away from where he was. Just an easy going person. So sorry to have heard of the loss, but glad he is in a better place. Love to Jackie and the girls. May your memories help you through this time. Shelley



Shelley - July 19, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JB

Thank you for sharing this, Shelley. Danny was good at 'inspiring' kids to do things to see what would happen. This made me smile, Shelley. Thank you.

Jackie Brinkley - July 19, 2024 at 05:22 PM

AS

Love this story, thank you for sharing!

Ashley - July 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

AO

I worked with Danny at the Hilton. He was always in a good mood and very funny. So sad to hear about his passing. May he rest in peace.
Angie

Angie Oakley - July 19, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JB

Thank you, Angie. When Danny worked there, my dad, Danny's Father-in-Law, passed away. You all sent us a lovely ivy plant all those years ago that I still have today.

Jackie Brinkley - July 19, 2024 at 08:13 PM

JB

“ *Danny, you were a wonderful Husband and Father. Rest in peace. I love you.*

Jackie Brinkley - July 19, 2024 at 09:09 AM

JW

Jackie, you are loved by many!!

Jennifer Wright - July 20, 2024 at 07:13 PM

AS

“ *Mom said we are getting tattoos for you next week at the beach. Her idea, not mine!*

Ashley - July 18, 2024 at 05:55 PM